GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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REVIVAL OF RAMAGUNDAM UNIT OF FCIL
Gutha Shri Sukender Reddy

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received any request from the Government of Andhra Pradesh regarding revival of the Ramagundam unit of Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. (FCIL);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Union Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & RTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a) to (c) : Yes, Madam. The Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested for early revival of Ramagundam unit of Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited. In this context, the Government of India has decided to explore the feasibility of revival of the closed public sector fertilizer units of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Limited (HFCL) and Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited (FCIL) including the Ramagundam unit of FCIL subject to assured availability of natural gas. The Government has constituted an Empowered Committee of Secretaries (ECOS) with the mandate to evaluate all investment options for revival of the closed units of FCIL/HFCL and to make suitable recommendations for consideration of the Government. ECOS has already considered various possible investment options for revival of each of the closed units and have finalized its recommendations regarding the suitable financing option. The recommendations of ECOS are under consideration of the Government.